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## NOTIFICATION

## Call for nominations for the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards 2015

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Ramsar Convention is the lead implementation partner for the Convention on Biological Diversity regarding wetlands. I am pleased to inform you of the Ramsar Convention Wetlands Awards for 2015 and, on behalf of the Ramsar Secretariat, invite you to consider nominating individuals, organizations, or initiatives as per the criteria below.

The Ramsar Convention Secretariat has launched a call for nominations for the sixth edition of the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards, which will be presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in June 2015.

Three Awards will be given – each with the Evian Special Prize of US\$10,000 kindly offered by the DANONE Group – in the following categories:

- a) The Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Wise Use
- b) The Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Innovation
- c) The Ramsar Convention Award for Young Wetland Champions

The Ramsar Secretariat invites all recipients of this message to consider whether they know of suitable individuals, organizations, or initiatives that could be nominated, as well as to disseminate this call widely within their network, so as to attract as many good nominations as possible.

For more information regarding the Criteria and Procedures for the Award, nomination forms, as well as on previous editions of the Awards please consult the Ramsar web site: <u>http://www.ramsar.org/Ramsar-Award/</u>

The deadline for the receipt of nominations is **15 July 2014.** Nominations should be sent to the Ramsar Secretariat.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points and relevant organizations





